

Monday, March 30, 2011

Mr. Chair, Members of the committee, my name is Angela McLean and I am a social studies teacher at Anaconda High School. I am married to a third generation Anacondan, Mike McLean and together we have two children; Colin, 11 and Ellen who is 6.

Please accept my regrets at not being able to attend today's hearing. I have looked forward to this for a long time and had Monday blocked off so I could attend but could not reschedule my work for today. I do hope to meet each of you in the not too distant future and thank you for the work you do on behalf of all Montanans.

I am a 1989 graduate of Twin Bridges High School and a 1994 graduate of Western Montana College. I started teaching high school and middle school social studies in the Arlee Public Schools right after graduating from Western. In 1997 I was hired to teach high school social studies in Anaconda.

In 2000 I earned my Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Montana. That same year I signed on with Montana Tech to serve as an adjunct professor for their Jump Start program. To date we have worked cooperatively to extend dual enrollment opportunities to hundreds of Anaconda students by way of this partnership.

In 2005, I became one of about fifty Montana teachers to earn National Board Certification. In spring of 2006, I was humbled and honored to be asked by Governor Schweitzer to serve on the Board of Public Education. In the winter of 2007, I was elected Vice Chair of that board and served in that capacity until 2010 when I was asked to serve on the Board of Regents.

I am the youngest of seven children. I am one of four to graduate from high school and the only one to go to college. I see my opportunity to serve on the Board of Regents as an opportunity for me to give back and contribute most positively to the Montana University System. Each day I feel blessed that I can advocate for students across Montana. I feel humbled, honored and blessed to have the chance to give back to a system that has given so much to me.

I ask that you confirm my appointment to the Board of Regents and that you feel free to contact me anytime so that we may discuss how we can work together to make the Montana University System even better.

Thank you.

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Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee,

The education that I received within the Montana University System surpassed my expectations. While I understood the academic opportunities that awaited me, I could have never imagined the leadership opportunities that I have been honored to serve, the dedicated faculty and staff that care deeply about student success and the wonderful friends that I have made who work diligently to perfect their course of study while juggling all of the demands of the modern student. These experiences solidified my experience as an undergraduate at Montana State University and I would love nothing more than to give back to the system that has done so much for me. I would be honored to do so as the Student Regent. Thank you for your consideration of my bio for this position of service:

Teresa Borrenpohl is enrolled in graduate school at Montana State University-Bozeman. She earned a bachelor's degree in economics and political science from MSU. An honor student (Dean's list, undergraduate scholars program, national conference on undergraduate research presenter), she was also student body president during the 2009-2010 academic year. Borrenpohl is also a community volunteer for relief efforts and programs involving special needs and low income children.

I would be happy to answer any questions that the members of the committee may have. Please feel free to contact me by e-mail at teresaborrenpohl@gmail.com or by cell phone at 406.579.9206.

Thank you for your consideration.

Teresa S Borrenpohl

March 23, 2011

Senator Ryan Zinke, Chair
Senate Education Committee
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Senator Zinke,

Commissioner Stearns in the Office of Higher Education informed me yesterday the Montana Senate Education Committee scheduled a hearing for March 28, 2011 in Helena to confirm appointments to the Montana Board of Regents.

It is with great regret I inform the Committee, I am unable to attend the Senate Education Committee hearing due to a conflict with my schedule. My wife serves on the Tourism Advisory Council and will be attending their annual Conference on Tourism in Helena the day of the hearing. Like members of the legislative body, we make every effort to balance our commitments to our work, our family and our service to the citizens of Montana. In doing so we do our best to coordinate our schedules to insure we also provide for our 3 children. I trust you and the Committee members understand my need to provide for the care of our children during my wife's absence.

I want to insure the Committee this scheduling conflict is in no way a reflection my commitment to serve on the Board of Regents. I understand the responsibility one holds in accepting and being approved for a position such as this and given the opportunity, I will work diligently with my fellow Board members and the Office of Higher Education to provide a world-class higher education system for all the citizens of Montana.

Having been raised in eastern Montana on the Northern Cheyenne reservation in a family of 10 children, my parents understood the importance of education, encouraging us all to finish high school, and when possible, continue on to college. I am proud to say many of my siblings, although not an indication of their personal success, were able to attend college and receive a degree in their field of study. The belief that this same opportunity should be afforded to all the citizens of Montana has inspired me to want to serve on the Board of Regents to help insure higher education will remain accessible and affordable to all.

Respectfully,

Major Robinson



Cc: Regent Christian, Commissioner Stearns

Major Robinson (Northern Cheyenne), **REDSTONE Consulting**, President

Major Robinson is the president of Redstone Consulting, a firm that provides organization, business and project development services to Tribes, Indian organizations and private businesses with the fundamental goal of creating more opportunities in Indian communities across the nation.

Mr. Robinson provides a variety of services to tribes and Indian organizations including; project development, project management, bid document development/evaluation, contract development/negotiation, congressional appropriations requests, nonprofit capacity building, fund raising and grant writing. Mr. Robinson also provides speaking engagements, workshop presentations and project management training as needed.

Recent projects for REDSTONE include: a Department of Justice Training and Technical Assistance subcontract to provide assistance to tribes in the planning and development stages of their tribal justice building projects, planning and design services for the Northern Cheyenne Utility Commission administration offices renovation project and project development services for the Universal Studios Dubailand™ project, located in the United Arab Emirates.

Prior to establishing REDSTONE Consulting, Mr. Robinson was the Acting Coordinator of Indian Affairs and Senior Economic Development Specialist for Governor Schweitzer. While working in the Governor's Office he co-founded the Montana Indian Business Alliance (MIBA) and the Governor's American Indian Nations Council. Mr. Robinson also worked with Indian nonprofit leaders in Montana and regional foundation leaders to initiate the development of the Indian Nonprofit Alliance (INA).

Before his work with the Governor's Office Mr. Robinson owned his own businesses: Red Shed Studios, a project design and development firm and the Teddy Bee Ranch Bed & Breakfast. He also worked as the Construction Project Manager for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe assisting in the construction of the tribe's Youth Services Center located in Busby, Montana. As a result of his work as a business owner, he co-founded the Montana Tribal Tourism Alliance and The People's Partners for Community Development, regional and local Indian economic development nonprofit organizations that continue to serve their Indian communities today.

Since earning his degree in architecture from the University of New Mexico in 1986, Mr. Robinson has lived and worked in Los Angeles, Tokyo, New York and Orlando, while working as a creative manager for companies such as Disney, Universal Studios, Landmark Entertainment, Iwerks Entertainment and Sussman & Prejza.

Major Robinson and his wife, Michelle, reside in Billings, Montana with their three children, Jorian, Kyra and Colton.